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#### **DON eBusiness Operations Office Announces First Round of FY 2004 Pilot Projects**

The DON eBusiness Operations Office has announced \$3.8 million in funding for its first portfolio of fiscal year 2004 eBusiness pilot projects. Maintaining a strong fleet focus, pilots range from streamlining the fleet software approval and deployment cycle to improved communication tools that enhance data accessibility and produce significant manpower efficiencies.

The lineup includes the following six pilots:

- **Navy Net-centric Aircraft Maintenance Pilot Project:** This Naval Air Systems Command pilot brings legacy maintenance databases, electronic maintenance manuals, and other resource information to technicians and supervisors at the point of maintenance through a wireless network. The pilot aims to resolve interoperability issues among different classes of Interactive Electronic Technical Manuals, which will decrease erroneous material expenditures and reduce training time.
- **Speed to Capability Approval, Management & Planning Process (SCAMP):** Sponsored by the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command and the C4I and Space Program Executive Office, this pilot develops an automated, enterprise wide decision support process to reduce the current approval process by 50 percent, resulting in quicker deployment of systems afloat. In addition, SCAMP assists users in product planning and management, which potentially could realize an estimated savings of \$20 million over five years.
- **Navy Public Affairs Knowledge Management System (Navy PA KM):** Navy PA KM will deploy an integrated suite of knowledge management and collaboration tools on the web to provide Public Affairs Officers (PAOs) around the globe with the capability to

publish timely news updates to Navy leadership, Navy personnel, and the public sector. The re-engineered business process will facilitate better collaboration among PAOs to provide products and resources to a larger customer base.

- **Collaborative Energy Conservation & Fuel Status Board:** Naval Sea Systems Command and Commander Third Fleet have jointly sponsored this pilot to automate the creation of ships' fuel consumption curves and a consolidated battle group fuel status display. This pilot leverages the capability of the Integrated Condition Assessment System to generate fuel status information and provide audible and visual warnings when the propulsion plant is operating outside predetermined fuel-efficient tolerance levels. Potentially, this pilot could realize an annual savings of \$20 million in fuel cost avoidance and man-hour savings by reducing the manual processes for capturing battle group fuel status.
- **Legacy System Modernization:** The project's objective is to demonstrate the capability of automated software modernization tools as a cost-effective method available to functional area managers and central design activities to make legacy applications compliant with the Navy-Marine Corps Intranet (NMCI). The pilot will provide an automated, low-risk, and cost-effective approach for modernizing legacy system software. This will be accomplished by utilizing commercial translation software to convert legacy application code into modern, object oriented, NMCI compliant code.
- **Software Configuration Management (SCM):** This pilot targets the improvement of installed afloat software configuration management. Utilizing the Configuration Data Managers Database–Open Architecture, it will provide an authoritative, centralized repository for afloat tactical and non-tactical software configuration data to the fleet and ashore establishments resulting in improved battle group interoperability and communications.

The DON eBusiness Operations Office helps Navy and Marine Corps e-business concepts to become realities. Pilot submissions are evaluated continuously from Navy and Marine Corps commands. Ideas for pilot projects may be submitted to [www.don-ebusiness.navy.mil](http://www.don-ebusiness.navy.mil). From its headquarters at the Naval Support Activity in Mechanicsburg, Pa., the DON eBusiness Operations Office is also the executive agent for DoD e-business pilot projects, and provides consulting support to commands implementing e-business solutions. For questions concerning pilot projects contact Mark Foster at [mark.s.foster@navy.mil](mailto:mark.s.foster@navy.mil), or phone 717-605-9358, DSN 430-9358.

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